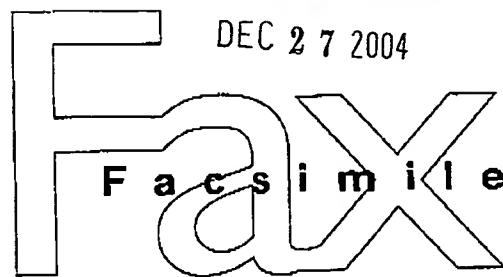


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In Re Application Of: Demuth et al.					
Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
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Invention: COMPOUNDS OF UNSTABLE DP IV INHIBITORS					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
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